

TO: Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers

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Greetings and welcome to the 2004-2005 school year. It is an exciting time to be a teacher of family and consumer sciences and also to be an advisor to the finest career and technical student organization – Family Career and Community Leaders of America. No other student organization has the unique focus of family and its integration into career and community life – real life! We hope this is the year that FCCLA becomes a part of your family and consumer sciences program! Our records indicate a chapter from your school did not affiliate in the 2003-2004 school year.

Family, Career and Community Leaders is designed to be an integrated part of your classroom -- not an add-on for you or for your students. Programs such as Career Connection, Families First, or Financial Fitness are tools for students and teachers. For teachers, these programs provide you with resources and activities to help you as you teach. For students, these programs help them apply the content knowledge in activities that can get them enthused about their family, school, community and future. Isn't it exciting to see the growth within your students throughout the year? Think how much more satisfying it would be to know that you not only provided opportunities for them to grow in knowledge, but also in leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. These are skills needed by all students, regardless of where they live or what they plan to do. Missouri has the fourth largest FCCLA membership in the nation, so join over 14,000 students and teachers in taking advantage of the existing and developing programs available within FCCLA – The Ultimate Leadership Experience!

Don't wait any longer to give your students the opportunities to become stronger leaders in their own families, careers and communities. If you would like to obtain a FCCLA membership kit, please request one from our office by calling 573/751-7964 or e-mailing christine.hollingsworth@dese.mo.gov. Please do not hesitate to contact the state office for details.

Enclosure

2004-2005 Dates to Remember
Affiliation Form
The Adviser's Guide to Starting a FCCLA Chapter

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